more than 50 mcg. (equivalent to Ethenyle Estradoil) and of progrestine content of more than 3 mg. (equivalent to Norethisterene Acetate).

Setting up of A National Institute of Maternal and Child Health

1351. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have initiated suggestions from States for a suitable location for setting up a National Institute of Maternal and Child Health;

(b) whether in response to the same, the Maharashtra Government proposed that the institute be located at Nagpur and promised to provide the necessary infrastructural facilities for the same; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) National Institute of Maternal and Child Health could not be set up during the 7th Plan as fund is not available for the project.

Sale of sweets in Kendriya Bhandar

1352. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the practice to sell sweets through the Branches of Kendriya Bhandar in Delhi/New Delhi have now been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when, the practice will again be continued for the benefit of consumers on occasion of certain festivals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Due to non-availability of required expertise, hygienic problems and lack of infrastructural facilities with the organisation.

(c) The primary object of the Kendriya Bhandar is to supply essential commodities to the consumers and stationery to the Government Departments. Further in view of the facts, mentioned at para (b) above there is no proposal to restore the sale of sweets on the occasion of festivals.

Purchase of medicines for the C.G.H.Ss Unani dispensaries in Delhi

1353. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average amount allocated for purchase of medicines in Central Government Health Schemes Unani dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi annually;

(b) what was the amount spent (monthwise) by Central Government Health Schemes Unani Store New Delhi out of the amount allocated during the period 1st April 1988 to 28th February, 1989;

(c) whether there was any type of avoidable delay in purchase of majority of medicines which resulted in harrassment to those beneficiaries who were desirous to have Unani treatment;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take o avoid any repetition/recurrence of this type of delay in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The information is

being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant post of Deputy Advisor (UNANI) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

1354. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Deputy Advisor (Unani) is lying vacant in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the last so many years; if so, since when;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping this post vacant for such a long period; and

(c) by when it is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The post of Deputy Adviser (Unani) in this Ministry is vacant since 25-2-1985. The post has not been filled up so far as initially the Recruitment Rules were to be amended. After the amendment of the Recruitment Rules, the matter was taken up with the Union Public Service Commission as the post is required to be filled up by direct recruitment. The post was reserved for Scheduled Tribe candidate. Since no person was available from this category a fresh requisition was sent and the post was advertised by the Commission on 12-11-1988. The recommendations of the Commission are awaited.

Lack of funds for health Schemes

1355 DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item on lack of funds for health schemes which appeared in the Times of India dated ,the 2nd February, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some remedial measures will be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The news item has been seen by the Government. The Government is alrady seized of the problem. Recommendations of the Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family *Welfare held 1—3 February, 1989 have* been forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration depending on their feasibility and availability of resources.

Privatisation of Defence Production by contacting foreign firms

1356. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning privatisation of defence Production by contacting foreign firms; and

(b) if so, the areas of manufacture already handed over to private agencies through foreign firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b)

With regard to indigenous production of Defence stores, the policy adopted by the Government is one of optimum utilisation of the capacity available in the country, be that in the Defence Sector or Civil Sector including the Private Sector. Pursuant to this policy, a number of low-technology items have been off-loaded from the defence production units to the civil sector including the private sector. In addition whenever new weapon systems, ammunitions or other equipment are being